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SUBJECT: SKOPJE-ARIZONA STATE EXCHANGE

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1. PROFESSOR MCNALL OF ASU INFORMS THAT WHILE ASU WILLING
CONSIDER PROFESSOR ZOOGRAFSKI AS VISITING PROFESSOR FOR
ACADEMIC YEAR 1974 RPT 74-75, THIS IS TENTATIVE OFFER
PENDING RECIPROCAL OFFER BY SKOPJE TO RECEIVE ASU PROFESSOR.

2. APPEARS THAT COMMUNICATIONS GAP EXISTS BETWEEN ASU AND
SPJE. ASU HAS INFORMED RECTOR GABER THEIR POSITION ON
ZOOGRAFSKI SEVERAL TIMES AND WONDER IF PERHAPS HE IS NOT
RECEIVING THEIR MESSAGES. EARLIER, ASU HAD WRITTEN AND
CABLED GABER SEVERAL TIMES REGARDING THE NOMINATIONS OF
SKOPJE GRADUATE STUDENTS SCHEDULED TO ATTEND ASU THIS FALL,
BUT RECEIVED NO RESPONSE UNTIL AFTER TERM HAD STARTED.
ASU IS WILLING ACCEPT SKOPJE STUDENTS FOR SPRING TERM BUT
MUST HAVE NOMINATIONS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS SOON
IN ORDER COMPLETE PLACEMENT PROCEDURES ON TIME. SKOPJE IS
TO NOMINATE FOUR STUDENTS AND ASU WILL ACCEPT TWO OF THEM
UNDER PROTOCOL SIGNED IN MARCH.

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ASU HAS HEARD THAT GABER PLANS TRIP TO US IN NOVEMBER BUT GABER HAS NOT RPT NOT EVEN MENTIONED THIS TO ASU. ASU WOULD APPRECIATE VERY MUCH BEING INFORMED BY GABER WHEN HE PLANS TO TRAVEL TO US AND IF HE INTENDS VISIT ASU.

DEPARTMENT BELIEVES FACE-TO-FACE TALKS BETWEEN GABER AND ASU OFFICIALS IN TEMPE MIGHT HELP CLEAR UP VARIOUS MIS-UNDERSTANDINGS WHICH ARE IMPEDING FUNCTIONING OF THIS EXCHANGE.

4. UNDERSTAND PROFESSOR JACKSON IS NO LONGER CONNECTED WITH ASU. RUSH

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